



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Danny G. Hazel

Appl. No.: 10/611,709

Filed: July 1, 2003

For: **Non-Snagging Protective Guide  
for Fishing Tapes**

Art Unit: 3723

Examiner: Lee D. Wilson

Atty. Docket: 394900/00001

## Response

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2004, the applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-4295.

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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 10/611,709; Filed: July 1, 2003  
For: **Non-Snagging Protective Guide for Fishing Tapes**  
Inventor: Danny G. Hazel  
Our Ref: 394900/00001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Response;
2. PTO 1083 (in duplicate); and
3. One (1) return post card.

It is respectfully requested that the attached post card be stamped with the date of filing of these documents and returned as soon as possible.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

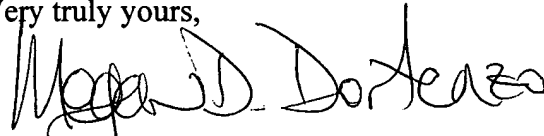
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-4295. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan D. Dortenzo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Megan" and last name "Dortenzo" clearly distinguishable.

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Sir:  
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Response  
☒ No Additional claim fee is required

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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x 43 =	\$ .00
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Total Addit. Fee	\$ .00

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Respectfully submitted,

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1 June 2004  
Date